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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS; CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTIONS-OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Announcing National Public Lands Day 2009 Registration

1. National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is an opportunity to showcase our Nation's public lands and the importance of protecting natural resources through responsible use and volunteerism on lands managed by Federal agencies. This event, held throughout America and sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), will be on Saturday, 26 September 2009.
2. Registration is currently ongoing through 12 September for this year's NPLD through NEEF's direct online site at: http://www.publiclandsday.org/managers/register_a_site.htm. By registering, sites will receive free materials including promotional posters, brochures, fee free coupons, and manager's guide.
3. Nearly 120,000 volunteers pitched in to build trails and bridges, restore wetlands, and remove invasive plants that threaten fragile native vegetation, as well as numerous other projects in 2008. Volunteers worked at 1,800 sites in all 50 States. At the 112 registered Corps projects last year, 15,500 volunteers contributed 59,000 hours of public service, valued at \$1.52 million.
4. Since 1994, I have been very impressed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers involvement in NPLD, and I encourage you to register your event with NEEF. My goal is to increase the number of participating sites and volunteers this year, and I am expecting participation from all districts. If you have any questions, my POC is Ms. Miriam Fleming. She may be reached at (202) 761-1736.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


for MERDITH W. B. TEMPLE
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